

Donations

This last year saw several schools raise funds for ICIN through the good efforts of your sons and daughters. Please remind your young ones to nominate ICIN as a beneficiary of any school fund-raising activity.

And remember that the Christians of Iraq are a faith community that dates back to the 2nd century with a continuous presence, an own culture, faith practice and language. Do not allow it to disappear forever.

Donations may be made

- online at www.icin.org.uk
- by mailing a cheque payable to ICIN to 43 Queen's Drive, Thames Ditton, KT7 0TJ
- by setting up a standing order through your bank/building society quoting ICIN's banking coordinates: Iraqi Christians in Need, Account No. 31373927 and sort code 40-47-19

Please remember that if you are a UK tax payer, then your donation may qualify for Gift-Aid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations to UK charities by allowing them to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim extra relief on your donations. The Gift Aid scheme is for gifts of money by UK taxpayers. Charities take your donation - money you've already paid tax on - and reclaim basic rate tax from HMRC on its 'gross' equivalent, the amount before basic rate tax was deducted.

If you are a UK taxpayer and your donations meet the above requirements, then please complete a Gift-Aid form online. Alternatively, a paper form may be sent to you upon request.

Just in case you think the impact of this scheme is insignificant, then ICIN is pleased to report that in this last financial year, **Gift-Aid repayments, i.e. monies given to ICIN by HMRC at no cost to you, amounted to over £20,000 or 10% of our annual income.**

Website

The ICIN website www.icin.org.uk was revamped in 2015 and we would encourage you to visit the website for latest news and forthcoming events as well as pictures of past events. You will also find information about the charity's accounts, trustees and executive council members, history of Christianity and much else.

Please remember to register your email address to receive news and updates of our charity.

ICIN Newsletter

UK Charity No. 1119427¹

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Iraqi Christians in Need, founded in 2007, has raised **over £1 million** to date for the medical, financial and educational needs of Iraqi & other Christians displaced inside Iraq and the neighbouring countries.

A Note from the Chairman

In its 9th year, ICIN continued with its work of helping the needy and the persecuted Christians. It is almost two years since Daesh (IS) took over Mosul and the Nineveh plains, resulting in a mass exodus of the Christian population and the unleashing of open religious persecution on a scale not seen hitherto. During this period, ICIN has continued to provide emergency aid to the displaced in northern Iraq, Syria, and Jordan as well as carry on with its other projects, some of which are detailed on the next page.

Through the dedicated efforts of many, ICIN's name in the UK among supporters, churches and charitable institutions is now better known than it has been at any time. Noteworthy are the efforts of Carl Bahoshy who has raised almost £117,000 to date through his Organ & piano recitals around the UK. Donations come from diverse sources and we are grateful to all for their generosity including that of HRH the Prince of Wales.

Since its founding in 2007, ICIN has been meticulous in ensuring that its projects are carefully selected and monitored, its costs minimised and its reputation safeguarded. As a UK-registered charity, ICIN adheres to the guidelines set by the Charity Commission on good governance, financial prudence and finding new trustees. In that regard, ICIN is delighted to have welcomed the recent addition to its Executive Council of Basil Marogy, Amal Razouk & Ziyad Rassam.

We express our sincere thanks to all who have given much of their time to running the charity at no cost to the charity or benefit to themselves. ICIN's profound thanks also go to all our donors and supporters whose on-going help continues to make a big difference to the lives of the less fortunate. Here is an extract of what Fr. Behnam, Chaldean priest in Baghdad, recently said of ICIN's Baghdad Educational Programme: ***"The fruits of your labour has shown tremendous results within our community. You have brought joy to 38 of our families by helping their children. Our congregation always pray for your never-ending love...and spirit of service"***.

Without your support, this would not have been possible. God bless you!

¹ Trustees: Faiz Tappouni, Suha Rassam, Amal Allos, Issam Rassam, Joseph Bahoshy, Maysoon Juma & Claude Bahoshy. Executive Council members: Janan Allos, Mayad Rassam, Basil Marogy, Amal Razouk & Ziyad Rassam.

Projects

The impact of the tragic events of 2014 caused by Daesh continues unabated and ICIN's projects have focused on the greatest needs while still maintaining proper control and monitoring of projects that are carried out under the watchful eye of the local bishops.

ICIN's donations over the year ended 31 March 2016 include:

- £73,300 for Mobile Medical Clinics Mar Yousif and Mart Shmuni, Erbil. The clinics provide medicines and primary treatment to refugees;
- £22,300 for children's summer school following their traumatised escape from Mosul and the Nineveh plains;
- £22,500 for 41 students, from primary school to university students in Baghdad who, otherwise, would be unable to continue their studies;
- £25,350 to meet the travel, subsistence and accommodation needs of 20 refugee students at University of Kirkuk;
- £22,000 towards rent costs of 300 displaced families at Al-Karma Housing complex in Erbil;
- £6,750 to Myrrh Bearers fraternity, lay women who care for helping the poor in Erbil;
- £8,250 to Mahabba and Farah's newly-established centre in Erbil following the group's exodus from Qaraqosh;
- £7,200 to Blessed Mercy Nursing Home for the elderly run by sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Following their expulsion from Mosul, the nuns moved to Erbil and now look after those left behind by their families.

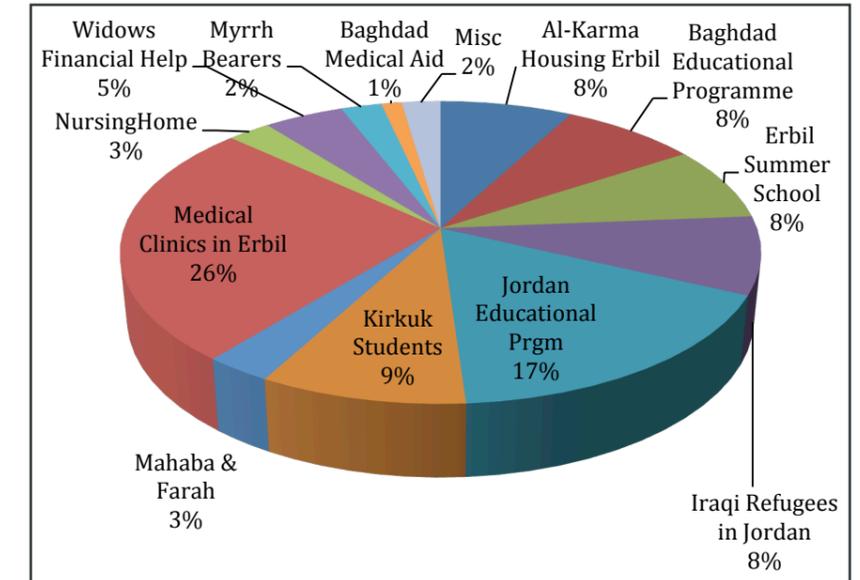


- £47,650 towards a newly-formed school in Marka, Amman for children of refugee families who otherwise would miss out on their education. The curriculum has been accredited by the Iraqi Ministry of Education;
- £13,250 for the Iraqi and Syrian widows and needy of Damascus and Aleppo in Syria. This project is under review pending resolution of the current local difficulties;
- £23,400 for emergency relief work for the needy Iraqi refugees in Amman;
- £3,375 for medical needs of the destitute of Baghdad.

Financials

ICIN's continued public support over the last year to 31st March 2016 has continued and impact on its annual income & outgoings are shown below:

2016	£216,310
2015	£344,894
2014	£77,173
2013	£96,186
2012	£98,628
2011	£126,186



Events

Not only are fund-raising events important as a source of income for ICIN, they also bring our supporters and friends together.

- Recently announced is ICIN's annual Boat Party on Sunday 5th June 2016. Please hurry to purchase your tickets as event is again likely to be a sell-out.

Major events over the last year have included (figures are net of cost):

- The Charity Lunch on 30th March was a sell-out and netted £1,900;
- A Christmas Celebration in November 2015 at Ealing Abbey and St Benedict's School was a great success and raised some £26,000;
- ICIN was invited to Advent reception in December hosted by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales;
- Anniversary Dinner in May 2015, another sell-out event, was great fun and raised almost £20,000;